# Chapter 3:
# The Drifting Girl

APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE WE ARRIVE AT THE NERVE TOWER.
WHAT ABOUT THE EYE ?
IT STILL LIVES.
RECEPTION STATUS IS SATISFACTORY
BLIP
DOES IT WORK AS WELL AS IT DID IN THE SIMULATION?
THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS IF IT DOES NOT WORK
WE ARE OUT OF OPTIONS
AFTER ALL, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH THE POWER TO PURIFY GOD

IT SEEMS THE TWISTING IS ACCELERATING.
HOW?
I SUPPOSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
ITS EFFECTIVENESS SEEMS TO BE BELOW NORMAL.
IT MAY BE FASTER TO JUST SEND HIM TO THE LOWER STRATA, BUT...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EXTERMINATION UNIT?
THERE'S BEEN NO CONTACT FROM THEM
I SEE...
IF YOU'RE WORRIED I'LL GO WITH YOU.
FOOL.
YOU'D BE NOTHING MORE THAN BAIT FOR THE GROTESQUES
BLIP
RECEPTION IS GOOD—
CURRENTLY WE'VE ASCERTAINED THAT THE DIVINE BODY IS ON THE SEVENTEENTH UNDERGROUND LEVEL.
BLIP
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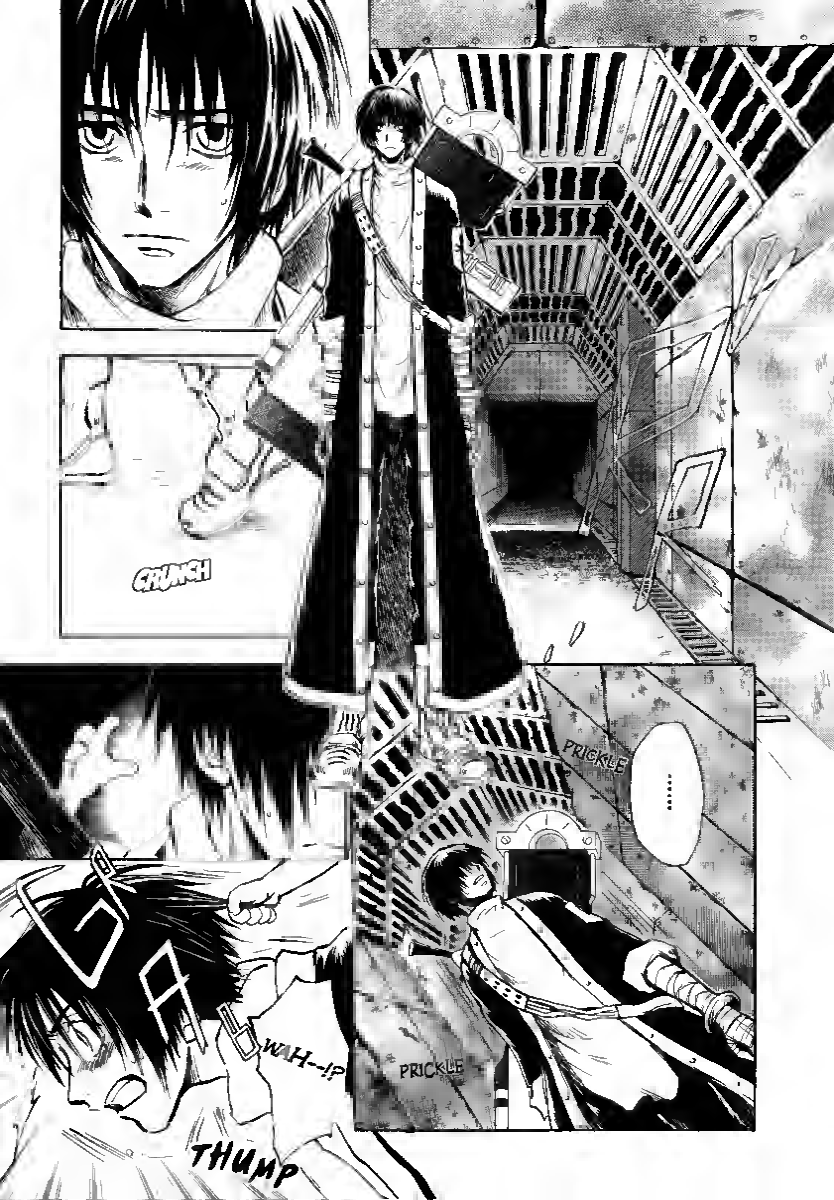
WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE NEXVE TOWER.

BEGINNING THE DIVE.
TAP
TAP


CRUNCH
PRICKLE
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PRICKLE
WAH--!?
THUMP

SUFFERING
PAIN
HELP
!!
HELP ME!

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O O O O O O
H
W

POKE
SPLCH
Huh?
HKINGI
YAAARGH!

WIPE
...
BOING
SPLAT
SPLOOSH
haah
haah
VRRRRRR
FLIP
TAP

CLANK
CLANG...
VRRRR
KLUNK
KLANK

WHAT IS- !

I
THUMP
Ah.
HEADER

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU THIS ENTIRE TIME!
YOU'RE LATE!!
SHEESH!
STIIIING
?
TWITCH
TWITCH
WHO IS THIS?
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK SOONER?
WHO...?
YOU MEAN YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME? THAT'S SO MEAN!

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FELT THAT WAY TOO...
YOU'RE TERRIBLE!
um...
uh
WERE YOU AWAY PLAYING AROUND?
YOU WERE, WEREN'T YOU?
SHEESH! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
!?
I
RA

Hmph!
FORGET IT!
...YOU REALLY HAVE FORGOTTEN.
Ah~
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS REALLY SUFFERING ANYWAY...
SSSH
FWOO

twitch
BUT WHY--
WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO CATCH ME?
SPLASH
...
---!

...WAIT.
I
CLICK
...IF YOU DIDN'T COME HERE TO SEE ME—
THEN WHY DID YOU COME?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
Hmmm...
SO YOU'RE HERE TO PURIFY THE CREATOR.

MISSION...?
BECAUSE "THAT IS MY MISSION"
WHY YOU?
ATONE?
WHAT DID YOU DO?
I MUST ATONE.
I...
PRICKLE

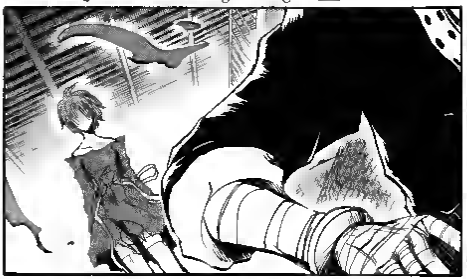
YOU...?
...
I TWISTED THE WORLD
THAT--
MUST BE WHY I'M SUFFERING.
AND I CAN ESCAPE FROM THIS SUFFERING
IF I CAN PURIFY THE MAD CREATOR GOD--
MY SIN WILL BE HEALED

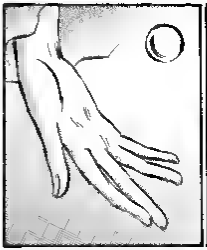
WAIT HERE FOR A SECOND
I SEE...
"SO THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK...
THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF THINGS IN HERE.
TOOLS OF THE CHURCH OF MELGT...
TWISTED THINGS...
IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT--
THEN I'LL HELP YOU
!

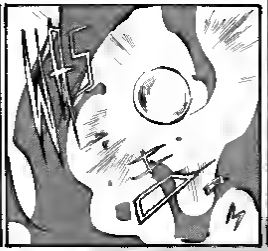
A CHARM, MAYBE?
AND THIS IS...
THIS THING IS LIKE A STRONG INSECT
AND THESE ARE FALSE WINGS.
BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T IT?
I'VE SEEN A FALSE ANGEL USE IT BEFORE.
SSSH
IT CREATES A BLACK SEAL WHEN YOU PRESS ON IT.
HIII
DO YOU WANT TO TRY IT TOO?

HGGG
TSSSS
PRICKLE
AAAAAAAAAGH!
!

ARE YOU SUFFERING?
...WHAT'S WRONG?
I GET THE FEELING...
...WE'RE MISSING A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TOO
WE DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF "PAIN"
...I'M SORRY
...?

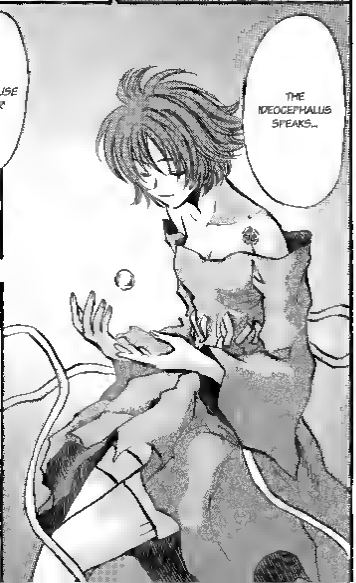






"I AM SAD BECAUSE I SUFFER

"HELP ME"
I CAN'T HEAR VERY MUCH FROM THEM.
THEY'RE LIKE THE LITTLES.


THE IDEOCEPHALUS SPEAKS...

THAT'S ALL I EVER HEAR FROM THEM.
"PAIN"
"SUFFERING"
"HELP"
THE ANGELIC INSECTS.
LITTLES?
DIDN'T YOU SEE THEIR ILLUSIONS?
THEY'RE LIKE BABIES WITH WINGS.
"BUT THAT WOULD BE DEATH"
ALL THEY CAN DO IS THINK ABOUT BEING HEALED
HOPING FOR RELEASE...
IT
FWOOMPH

CLAAANG
...!

HAAH
BAM
THUPP

SPLAT

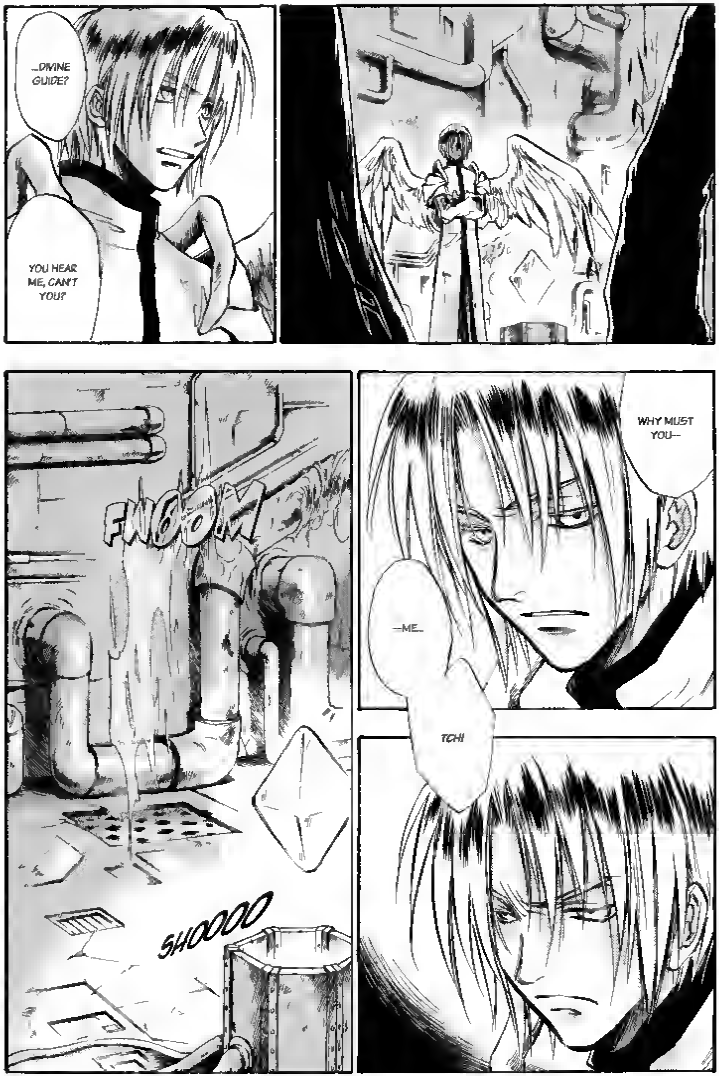
I'LL BE TAKING THAT!

HAHAHAHA
...!?
HAA
HAA
HAAH
TA

...!
ALL
LIFE SIGNS HAVE
DISAPPEARED

VERY WELL.
ABOUT THE REPORT TO THE GREATER ANGEL...
WE'VE CONFIRMED THE POSITION TO BE THE FIFTH UNDERGROUND LEVEL.
...WELL, I GUESS THAT'S HOW IT IS.
THE GREATER ANGEL!
VRRMMM
WE'VE GOT A CONFIRMATION TOO.
YES SIR!
...AND THEN PREPARE THE SPHERE OF SENSES.
SIR?
INSTRUCT THE FUNERAL ANGELS TO BRING HIM BACK.

B—
BUT—
WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
WE RAN INTO THE ANGEL OF DIVINE GUIDANCE WITHIN THE SIMULATION.
THE ANGEL OF DIVINE GUIDANCE!?
OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T!
DAMN IT! THAT TRAITOR!
BUT THE SPHERE OF SENSES...
YOU COULDN'T EVEN CATCH HIS TAIL!
THAT WAS THE WORK OF THE CHURCH'S GREATEST SCIENTIST
BEGIN THE PREPARATIONS!
YES SIR!
NO MORE QUESTIONS
MOVE HIM BEFORE HE WAKES AGAIN.


...DIVINE GUIDE?
YOU HEAR ME, CAN'T YOU?
FWOOM
WHY MUST YOU—
—ME—
TCH!
SHOOOO

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